Domestic Relations Committee Judicial Conference of Indiana

Minutes

August 19, 2005

The Domestic Relations Committee met at the Indiana Judicial Center in Indianapolis, Indiana on Friday, August 19, 2005 from 10:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

- 1. <u>Members present</u>. David A. Ault, David C. Chapleau, Mary Margaret Lloyd, Nanette Raduenz, Michael P. Scopelitis, Chair.
- 2. <u>Staff present</u>. Jeffrey Bercovitz provided the committee with staff assistance.
- 3. <u>Guests present</u>. Joy Hess, Web Developer and Lindsey Borschel, Web Coordinator/Documentation Specialist, Division of State Court Administration.
- 4. <u>Minutes approved</u>. The minutes of the July 15, 2005 meeting were approved.
- 5. Domestic Relations Benchbook.
- a. Judge Scopelitis distributed additional materials on property division. Judge Scopelitis agreed to revise and shorten these materials for the next meeting.
- b. Committee members revised an outline of the property division section by Judge Chapleau. Judge Chapleau distributed a draft of his materials on property division.
- c. Members of the committee recommended retirement/pension benefit division should be discussed at an educational program.
- d. Committee members agreed the assignments from the following members are due at the October meeting: Judge Lloyd, Judge McGillivray, and Judge Moberly. They agreed assignments from the following members are due at the January meeting: Judge South, Judge Meier, Magistrate Raduenz, and Judge Bonfiglio.
- e. Members of the committee agreed to revise their previously reviewed sections in light of recent committee discussions.
- 6. <u>Child Support Calculators</u>. Lindsey Borschel demonstrated changes to the off-line downloadable child support calculator based on committee comments last month. Committee members agreed to test these changes along with changes to the on-line calculators when they are available for testing. They agreed to expand the testing to include some attorneys.
- 7. <u>Meeting with Child Support Bureau</u>. Magistrate Raduenz reported she and Judge Bonfiglio and others in this area met with representatives of the Child Support Bureau at the end of June. The Bureau outlined their plan for increasing support collections.
- 8. <u>Next meeting dates</u>. Committee members agreed to meet again on the following dates: October 21, 2005 from 10:30 to 4:00 p.m. at the Indiana Judicial Center. There will be no

September meeting. The November meeting will be held November 17-18, in conjunction with the Domestic Relations workshop.

Respectfully submitted,

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